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## LAWYERS WISH TO ESCAPE LICENSE FEE IF THEY CAN

Will Make Test of Ordinance  
Before Judge Cross in  
Police Court.

Claim it Was Error of Ten  
Dollars.

CASE IS SET FOR THURSDAY.

Paducah lawyers, against whom warrants have been sworn out by City License Inspector Ed Hubbard, will contest the present license ordinance before City Judge D. A. Cross next Thursday morning in order to get a decision as to whether the present license of \$25 charged attorneys is valid.

Star witnesses in the case will be Dr. P. H. Stewart, chairman of the joint ordinance committee, and City Clerk Maurice McIntyre, by whom County Judge R. T. Lightfoot, representing the defense, intends proving that the intended annual license of \$15 was agreed upon by the ordinance committee to be charged all professional men, and passed for \$25 as an error or oversight. Judge Cross said today the court of appeals has decided that no evidence further back than the legislative records could be produced, and he is of the opinion the lawyers will lose in their fight.

The style of the warrant is "City of Paducah against John Doe," charging him with breach of ordinance by failing to pay the annual license of \$25 made specific in the present ordinance. John Doe is the plaintiff's term which implies all attorneys who are contesting the law. County Judge Lightfoot will represent the protesting legal lights, who have agreed to abide by the decision of Judge Cross and pay whatever amount he decides is legal.

The trouble seems to have originated in the committee meeting of the ordinance committee, when it was said to have been verbally agreed that the license charged all professional men should be reduced from \$25 to \$15. The ordinance went through the committee and was drafted and when presented before the general council it read \$25 for attorneys and \$15 for physicians and dentists. Thus both boards gave first and second readings to the law, which was published. A short time ago License Inspector Hubbard found that a majority of attorneys had failed to pay their year's license and warrants were procured. Then the lawyers decided to take issue with the city, and have as two important witnesses the city clerk and Dr. Stewart.

Some attorneys have studied the matter over and found that they might as well pay up, as a fight against the license ordinance would be of no avail. At the last meeting of the board of councilmen a petition from the lawyers was presented asking a reduction of the annual license to \$10 as is charged in other larger cities of this state. The petition bears the signatures of nearly every lawyer in Paducah.

Judge Cross has set the case for next Thursday, which has called "License Ordinance Day." At this time other prosecutions against those who have failed to pay their annual licenses will come up for hearing. License Inspector Hubbard, who will retire from office the first of the year, is straightening out all of his business, and in the last three weeks has sworn out several warrants against delinquents.

### A "Knock-In" Blow.

For all that were worth, John Belcher and Jim Burner, two young men, fought here first all over the corner of First street and Broadway yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Their Irish blood was boiling and a good sized crowd gathered to see the knockout blow dealt. The small prize fight reached the crisis when Belcher landed a stiff uppercut with the right and Burner, receiving it squarely under the mug, was "knocked in," shattering the window glass at Keller's saloon. With the tenacity of bulldogs they renewed the fight, but Patrolmen Singery and Stewart ran up and separated them. They were placed under arrest and pleaded guilty to a charge of breach of peace in police court this morning. Judge Cross fined each \$5.

### Marriage Licenses.

Herbert Harper, 29, of Paducah, fireman, and Lorraine Anderson, 20, of Covington, Tenn.  
Carter L. Gardner, 22, of Paducah, cooper, and Rosa Belle Walker, 14, of Paducah.  
Hallie Lee McGill, 18, of McCracken county, farmer, and Hattie Goodman, 18, of McCracken county.

## Burley Society Being Subjected to Investigation by Government; Combination to Restrain Trade

Writ of Error in Sugar Case  
Filed in Supreme Court—  
President Attends Mass for  
King Leopold.

Washington, Dec. 23. (Special.)—President Taft is said to be pushing his investigation into the tobacco troubles in Kentucky, especially the Burley society, as a corporation in restraint of trade. Wade Ellis is working on the case.

### Writ of Error.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The writ of error on which the government is appealing from the decision of Federal Judge Holt, of New York, in his decision protecting officials of the sugar trust from prosecution under the statute of limitation, today was filed in the supreme court by the department of justice.

### Attend Mass.

President Taft and members of his cabinet and most of the diplomatic corps attended the requiem high mass at St. Matthews for Leopold. The service was arranged by the Belgium minister.

### Protest is Made.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Democratic congressmen of the southwest are protesting over the action of the post-office department in reinstating inspectors released during the presidential campaign for pernicious political activity. According to the report, inspectors are given as good places as they had before, some drawing larger salaries. Protesting Democrats say the inspectors are discharged, but allowed to resign when complaint is made against them under the civil service rule and allowed to go back in the service within a year without examination.

## CHRISTMAS ERA WILL FIND THIS CITY READY

Tomorrow afternoon all public offices and buildings will close for Christmas and remain so until the following Monday morning. No session of police court will be held Saturday and the offices of the city treasurer and auditor, assessor and clerk will be locked for one day. All offices at the county court house will be under lock and key while the Carnegie public library will be closed. River business will practically be suspended, as shipments will be light. The city market house will close at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning and will not open again until the following Monday. Preparations are being made all over the city for a merry Christmas and the charity organizations are doing all in their power to make the poor of the city have a happy day. At the city and county jail the prisoners will be given a special Christmas dinner.

## ROSEBOWER SCHOOL CLOSED YESTERDAY

Rose Bower school, near Sharp, taught by Miss Nannie Bagwell, closed the year yesterday with a literary exhibition last night. The program was excellent and was enjoyed by an audience that packed the school room. Music was furnished by Switzer's band. Patrons of the school are well pleased with the work of Miss Bagwell and the pupils are devoted to her.

### Burned to Death.

Fulton, Ky., Dec. 23. (Special.)—George Sanes, a homeless negro, was fatally burned while sleeping in the open between two bonfires.

## Switchmen's Strike May Be Ended Today

St. Paul, Dec. 23.—The switchmen's strike is expected to end at a meeting called late this afternoon, at which representatives of ten railroads here, the switchmen's union and the railroad department of the federation of labor will be present. The compromise as reported, offered a 4 cent

### APPEAL REFUSED.

Mexico City, Dec. 23.—Federal courts refused the appeal of Attorney Samuel Hampton, of St. Louis, and unless the supreme court intervenes, he will be shot for the murder of a negro in Mexico two years ago. Senator Taylor, of Tennessee, conducted the appeal for alleged irregularities in the trial and interpreters misstating the defense of Hampton.

## VARDAMAN SEEKS M'LAUREN'S TOGA

OTHER CANDIDATES ARE BE-  
GINNING TO APPEAR IN  
MISSISSIPPI.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 23.—Following the sudden death of Senator McLauren of heart disease last night it is believed today Governor Noel will not name a senator, but will wait for the legislature which meets January 4, the same day congress convenes, to act. The legislature would have to act in any event and Noel would avoid any political unpleasantness. Ex-Governor Vardaman is considered one of the strongest candidates for the place. It is already announced he would try for election at the end of McLauren's term. John Sharp Williams, elected to succeed Money, is mentioned for the present vacancy. Many others are expected to be in the field.

Besides Williams and Vardaman, a number of others are in the field for McLauren's place. Among them are Congressmen Bowers, Humphreys and Byrd, and Chief Justice Whitefield, of the Mississippi supreme court.

It was decided today that McLauren's funeral will be held Friday in the Methodist church at Brandon. It will not await the congressional delegation. The governor had asked that the body be allowed to lie in state at the state capital, but the family preferred a private funeral.

### Tobacco Sales

Twenty-seven thousand pounds of loose leaf tobacco were offered and sold at Bohmer's warehouse this morning, the highest price being \$9.86 and the lowest \$4.60. This makes an average price of \$5.47. There were no rejections and the bidding was spirited and the market strong. No sales are reported by the Planters' Protective association for the past week.

## HE ENTERTAINED THE LEGISLATORS

GEORGE SEHON BLAMED FOR  
ALLEGED EXTRAVAGANCE  
IN REPORT.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 23. (Special.)—State Inspector Thatcher in his report on the Kentucky Children's Home society, criticizes Superintendent Sehon for spending \$1,500 entertaining legislators in an effort to obtain appropriations. Otherwise the management is commended.

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### Prominent Conspirators.

Lisbon, Dec. 23.—The arrest of several persons prominent in the Portuguese administration of affairs on the charge of complicity in the assassination of King Carlos and Princess Louise is looked for, following the confession of three revolutionists who also name prominent officers as accomplices.

## ZELAYA BECOMES HEAD OF ARMY ON FIELD OF BATTLE

Says One Report, While An-  
other Says He is About  
to Flee.

Estrada's Forces Are Pur-  
suing Rapidly.

GOVERNMENT TROOPS SUFFER.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 23.—A cable from Bluefields says Zelaya, instead of preparing to flee, is now at the head of the administration troops at Rama, intending personally to command in the battle expected to follow an attack by Estrada's forces.

### Pursuing Zelaya's Troops.

Bluefields, Dec. 23.—Estrada's generals with the rebel army is today pursuing the remnant of the Zelaya army towards the interior. He expects a battle near Chile. The number of captured has been overstated, according to advices from the interior. Total number killed since the war began is a thousand. This will be made the basis for an appeal to the United States to intervene.

Over 300 wounded soldiers and several held captives have been brought here. The condition of the captives is proof of the physical condition of the government troops. The captives are ragged, sick and half starved. There is no confirmation of the report that General Gonzales was captured. Major Guerrero a revolutionist, was killed leading a machine gun battery at Boca River camp are arriving almost hourly from Rama, bringing victims of the battle.

### Zelaya to Flee.

Managua, Dec. 23.—It is reported that Zelaya, frightened by the losses of government troops at Rama, is preparing for flight from Nicaragua. A plan is said to be under way for his transfer to a Mexican warship now at Corinto. American ships are ready to protect Americans in case of attack on Managua or Corinto.

### Colored Sunday School.

Burk's chapel, A. M. E. church, will give a Christmas tree entertainment December 25 at 8 p. m. Members of other churches and Sunday schools are invited to attend. There will be an excellent program rendered by the Sunday school.

### Aldermen Meet Tonight.

The present board of aldermen will hold its last regular meeting this year at the city hall, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. A large amount of routine matter will be acted upon while the petition from lawyers asking for a reduction in the annual license will be presented. Also a petition from owners of the Kozy and Bijou motion picture theaters, who ask a reduction. The matter of curbing on Twelfth street from Trimble street to Salem avenue will also come up for disposal.

## COUNTY PHYSICIANS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Officers for the McCracken County Medical society for 1910 were elected last night as follows: President, Dr. H. P. Sights; vice president, Dr. H. G. Reynolds; treasurer, Dr. W. J. Bass; secretary, Dr. Della Caldwell. The meeting was attended by 27 physicians of the city and county and much interest taken. In addition to the election of officers Dr. Horace Rivers was elected as a third censor for the society. The other censors are Drs. Pulliam and Gore. A vote of thanks was tendered to those aiding in the recent lecture of Dr. Dunning S. Wilson at Temple Israel. The report of the treasurer showed that there was a balance of \$220 in the treasury with no indebtedness.

Commonwealth's Attorney John G. Lovett returned to his home in Benton this afternoon after a trip on business.

## The Weather

Forecast for Paducah and vicinity: Fair and slightly warmer tonight and Friday. Highest temperature today was 32 and the lowest 21.

Illinois: Washington, Dec. 23.—Fair Thursday and Friday.  
Sun rose today ..... 7:21  
Sun set today ..... 4:36  
Moon sets (a. m.) ..... 3:32

## Cook Passes Through Paris on His Way to Belgium, His Hiding Place Having Been Found by Americans

Prince Albert is Sworn in as  
King of Belgium, and is  
Now Monarch Without Any  
Further Ceremony.

Paris, Dec. 23.—According to a generally credited report Doctor Cook passed through Paris today on his way to Ostend, Belgium. The report says Cook, accompanied by his wife and boy of 18, arrived from Nice. They had been in Marseilles, the report says, where they registered as Richardson, giving his address as Naples. Hotel men there say it was his intention to remain hidden, but he was discovered by American guests.

### Albert is Now King.

Brussels, Dec. 23.—Prince Albert took the oath as king of Belgium today. The oath was administered in parliament hall in the presence of the ministry, high government officials, Albert's wife, Princesses Clementine and Stephanie, daughters of Leopold, and a number of foreign representatives, among whom was United States Minister Lane. There are no coronation ceremonies in Belgium and Albert is now king.

Albert, in his address from the throne, defended the government of Leopold from the world-wide attacks on his course in the Congo. He declared he would continue Belgium's policy of humanity and justice in the further colonization of the Congo. "We have a great work to perform here," he said, "and we will give it our best administrative ability."

### Funeral of Miss Hudson.

The funeral of Miss Annie Hudson, who died early yesterday morning of heart failure, was held at 10 o'clock this morning and burial took place at Oak Grove cemetery.

## CALLOWAY COUNTY TO HAVE A COURT HOUSE

Calloway county will have a new modern court house if the voters will agree to issue the bonds next November. At present the county is without an adequate building, as the court house was destroyed by fire several months ago, and a factional fight has prevented action. It is planned to build a court house at a cost of \$50,000, with modern conveniences and strong vaults.

## PEARY WILL SEEK SOUTH POLE NEXT

STATED TODAY HE IS STILL  
WILLING TO UNDERTAKE  
THE TRIP.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Commander Peary will seek the south pole, according to a statement from Peary today. He said: "A year ago I sent the National Polar society of Brussels the statement that after I returned from the expedition I then was engaged on, I would be willing to organize an expedition to find the south pole. I am of the same mind. I will be glad to participate in an antarctic expedition."

## AUTOMOBILE OWNER SUED FOR DAMAGES

As the result of an automobile accident J. W. Acree has filed suit in circuit court against L. S. DuBois for \$2,000 for injuries sustained. The plaintiff says on November 24 he was riding a wheel at Seventh street and Broadway, when the defendant's automobile collided with him.

## INSURANCE SUITS ON GRACEY CHILDERS

Policies alleged due by reason of the destruction of the steamer Gracy Childers by fire last summer will be contested in court. Three suits have been filed in circuit court, aggregating \$7,500, and alleged due. The suits were filed by Mrs. Georgia Tyner, of Nashville, and against the Manhattan Insurance company, the Sea Insurance company of Liverpool, England, and the Alliance Insurance company of Philadelphia. In each company a policy for \$2,500 was held.

Prof. E. George Payne, of the East Kentucky Normal, left today to visit his father in Central Kentucky.

## WARNER TRIED TO INDUCE WALTERS TO CASH A CHECK

City Treasurer Says He Re-  
fused it For Another Man's  
Taxes.

It Was Too Large Amount, He  
Thought.

IS NO CLEW TO WHEREABOUTS.

Albert C. Warner, the man who deserted his wife and eleven children on the Blandville road, and against whom there are two felony warrants awaiting his arrest, attempted to cash a bogus check with City Treasurer George Walters at the treasurer's office at the city hall last week. Mr. Walters avoided it by an old precedent, not to take checks for large amounts in the payment of city taxes.

The "phony" check, that resulted in the warrant being issued against Warner, was for \$54.75 and the name of C. K. Lamond was on it, made payable at the First National bank. The transaction took place last Thursday. Warner called at the city hall, offering to pay the tax bill of a Mr. Lamkin, amounting to \$4. He showed Mr. Walters the check, but the treasurer told him it looked like bad business to cash a check for so large amount to pay the small amount of taxes and he refused, telling Warner he would have to cash it elsewhere.

After Warner left the city hall he went to J. A. Rudy & Sons, on Broadway, where he made a purchase of two pair of rubber boots and gave the check in payment. He received back the change less the cost of the boots and left. Nothing has been heard of him since. The police department has been keeping a lookout for him, but with no results. He is charged with forgery and obtaining money by false pretenses.

### Funeral of A. C. Jackson.

A. C. Jackson, 55 years old, a night watchman at the plant of the Paducah Veneer and Lumber company, died yesterday morning at 9:15 o'clock at his home on Mill street, Tyler. He is survived by a wife and two children. The funeral was held this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock and burial at Oak Grove cemetery at 2:30 o'clock.

### WILLIE COOPER IN JAIL.

Charged With Forging a Check for  
Three Dollars.

Fulton, Ky., Dec. 23.—Willie Cooper, a well known young white man, is now in jail here, charged with forging the name of James Lassiter to a check for \$3, which he got cashed at the City National bank. Cooper presented a second check for \$180 with Lassiter's name signed, but the bank became suspicious and refused to cash it. Cooper then fled to Memphis. Officer Leader Robertson followed and found him in Persimmon's theater. Cooper willingly returned here, and when his examining trial was held he was unable to give the \$500 bond required. His father is here from Mississippi, trying to get the bank to drop the case.

## RED CROSS STAMPS ARE BEING SOLD RAPIDLY

With the slogan that every Red Cross stamp is a bullet in the war on the white plague, the sale of Christmas stamps progressed merrily at the postoffice. In fact, the person is conspicuous that does not have one of the stamps on his packages. When mailing packages it is convenient to purchase the stamps, as the stand is kept in the postoffice lobby. Miss Marian Williamson and Miss Elizabeth Caldwell were in charge of the sales today.

## NEW REBEKAH LODGE WILL BE ORGANIZED

Owing to the large membership in the city, a new lodge of Rebekahs will be installed early in the new year. The new lodge will meet at the Mechanicsburg hall, but all of the details for the installation have not been completed. The Ingleside lodge of Rebekahs has a large membership, and it is deemed better to organize a new lodge, as the quarters of the Ingleside lodge are too small to accommodate more members. Last night the annual election of officers of the Ingleside lodge was held, and officers were elected as follows: Miss Kate Block, noble grand; Mrs. C. Maxwell vice grand; Mrs. S. B. Whitner, secretary; Mrs. Lena Edinger, treasurer. The officers will be installed January 12.

"LITTLE TIM."  
New York, Dec. 23.—"Little Tim" Sullivan is to be buried tomorrow, and according to his request, it will not change the plans for the Bowery dinner, annually given by Sullivan for his political friends. "Little Tim" took great pride in these dinners. There will be the first he ever missed since they started.

## COTTON REACHES SIXTEEN CENTS

TRADERS NOW DECLARE PRE-  
DICTED EIGHTEEN CENTS  
WILL BE CERTAIN.

New York, Dec. 23.—May cotton sold at 16 cents today, establishing the highest price option reached during the year. Brokers say Patten's prediction of 18 cent cotton will be fulfilled.

### Periodical Clearing House.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 23.—Federal District Attorney Day called the attention of the department of justice to the periodical clearing house of New York, which he says is a violation of the Sherman law. Many leading muckraking magazines are said to be members. The existence was discovered by Librarian Hubbard, of the public library, who endeavored to get reduced rates on a large order of magazines. The reply said the clearing house would not permit the reduction. He says a contract exists to keep the prices up.

### A Pittable Case.

A charitable case among colored people was brought to light in police court this morning. It was when Mathew Reynolds, colored, was presented on a charge of vagrancy. He pleaded guilty and when the court asked for some facts in the case it was found that his wife, Annie Reynolds, was in the last stages of consumption and her husband would not work or allow her attention. Barely able to be on her feet, the woman was in the court room and told the court she had parents at Pembroke, Ky. She was given a railroad pass there while Reynolds was fined \$40. The woman is not expected to live longer than two weeks.

### Suits Filed in Circuit Court.

A. C. Mitchell, administrator of the estate of J. H. Deboe, filed suit against Sarah Deboe and children for a settlement of the estate.

Rush Jones filed suit for divorce from Bessie Jones, alleging abandonment. The couple was married in January, 1906, and separated September 14, 1908.

The Sears Grocery company filed suit against Rudolph Streit for \$216.75, alleged due for merchandise and goods purchased.

The National Bank of Metropolis, Ill., filed suit against the Harth-Rush company and Harth Brothers for \$1,789.49, alleged due on a note.

### Marriage Licenses.

Ivy Crenshaw, 23 Marshall county, farmer, and Linda C. Clark, 17, Marshall county.

J. M. Bryant, 29, Paducah, laborer, and Gertrude Landrum, 22.

H. A. Berry, 21, McCracken county, farmer, and Grace Billington, 19, McCracken county.

Benjamin D. Vick, 29, Livingston county, and Lucy G. Threlkeld, 19, Livingston county.

Edward Harris, colored, 40, Paducah, and Caroline Majoy, colored, 35, Paducah.

### Deeds Filed.

Frederick W. Cook, of Vanderburgh county, Ind., to J. W. Sherrill, property on North Fourth street near Broadway, \$1.

J. W. Sherrill and Clara Sherrill to George H. Goodman, property on North Fourth street near Broadway, \$1.

F. W. Katterjohn and John Rock, executors of the estate of George Rock, to Mrs. Rosa Bleich, property in the Gilson-Rock-Tully addition, \$1.

### In Police Court.

Drunkness—John Sweeney, fined \$1 and costs; Robert Pace, fined \$1 and costs. Breach of peace—John Belcher and Jim Burner, fined \$5 each; Henry Boim, continued until Monday. Adultery—James Ballington and Yella Cooper, continued until Monday. Vagrancy—Mathew Reynolds, fined \$40.